

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING TOM BURRELL  
ON 23 YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
THE LAKE RIDGE OCCOQUAN  
COLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Burrell for his 23 years of selfless service to the Lake Ridge-Occoquan-Coles Civic Association (LOCCA) and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement as Chairman.

Mr. Burrell has been a member of LOCCA since 1993. In 1998, Mr. Burrell volunteered to serve as Chairman of LOCCA's Planning, Environment Land-Use and Transportation (PELT) Committee. He brought with him his leadership and organizational skills acquired from his military service training in the U.S. Army and West Point Military Academy. He served as chairman from 1998 to 2021, nearly 23 years.

As the PELT Committee Chairman for more than two decades, Mr. Burrell was directly responsible for coordinating and scheduling regular monthly PELT Committee review meetings. Furthermore, he arranged special work sessions between citizens, homeowner association representatives, the development community, and their elected representatives, to engage in face-to-face dialogue to review various potential projects.

As PELT Committee Chairman, Mr. Burrell participated in providing feedback to Planning Office staff, the Planning Commission, and the Board of County Supervisors at public hearings. Mr. Burrell chaired meetings on a variety of topics ranging from educating citizens on county land-use, rezoning, special use permit applications and comprehensive plan land-use requests as well as a facilitating communication between residents and developers.

Mr. Burrell also contributed to Prince William County in numerous capacities beyond LOCCA. He served as Vice Chairman on Prince William County's Future's Commission and as Vice Chairman on Prince William County's Land Use Advisory Committee. Mr. Burrell has served as a member of his homeowner association's (HOA's) Board of trustees for 15 years in Prince William County, serving 2 years as Treasurer and 8 years as President.

Because of his tireless and diligent work, Mr. Burrell was appointed by the Governor Northam to the Virginia Common Interest Community Board and has served as a Planning Commission member for the City of Fairfax.

I congratulate Mr. Burrell and commend him for his outstanding service to the betterment of our local community. He has contributed greatly to make the community he lives in a better place for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Tom Burrell for his

service, and in wishing him and his wife Bonnie continued health, happiness, and success as they embark on a new chapter in life.

SEAMUS RILEY—EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Seamus Riley for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Seamus completed his Eagle Scout project December of last year. His project consisted of pouring ten 3 x 5 concrete slabs for entryways through a fenced in area that leads to a community recreational area where sporting events take place. Seamus coordinated the entire project and solicited the funds and material. He learned how to utilize his leadership skills in order to apply engineering and math skills to his project. Seamus will be pursuing a college degree in Colorado majoring in engineering. I wish Seamus the best of luck in his future endeavors and I know he will go on to achieve great things. God Bless Seamus and God Bless America.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO  
ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS  
WITH PRIOR SERVICE UNDER  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RE-  
TIREMENT SYSTEM TO MAKE  
DEPOSITS TOWARDS ANNUITIES  
UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RE-  
TIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE  
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIRE-  
MENT SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to correct a retirement issue for several categories of workers who used to be under the District of Columbia retirement system.

In 1997, Congress transferred several categories of workers who participated in D.C.'s defined contribution plan from 1987 to 1997 to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). However, these workers' service from 1987 to 1997 was not counted for purposes of creditable service or annuity amount in FERS. In 2009, Congress gave these employees the right to have this service counted for creditable service.

My bill would correct this last retirement issue for these public servants. It would allow these workers to buy into the FERS annuity amount for 1987 to 1997 by paying 1.3 percent of their base pay plus interest, essentially the employee contribution for this time, which would give them the full retirement benefit to which they are entitled.

Our bill is an important step to assist these workers in getting the retirement benefits they deserve. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 209 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 826, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 210 on ordering the previous question of H. Res. 535, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 211 on agreeing to the resolution of H. Res. 535, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 212 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass certain bills and agree to certain resolutions, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 213 on the motion to recommit for H.R. 2668, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 214 on passage of H.R. 2668, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALBERT  
EARL BROOKS, SR.

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of my dear friend, Albert Earl Brooks, Sr., a highly distinguished community leader who passed away on March 25, 2021.

Albert Brooks dedicated his life to serving others and participating in the struggle for racial equality, social and economic equity, and voting rights. Al was born in Tabor City, North Carolina and grew up in Buffalo, New York. He joined the United States Army and then received his B.A. from the University of New York at Buffalo.

After completing his service in the Army, Al served as the Executive Director of the Buffalo Affirmative Action Plan. He was then selected by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York to work for the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. While working in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Al

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